

Holt County Sentinel

OFFICIAL PAPER OF HOLT COUNTY.
OREGON, MO., August 15, 1875.

Private advices received in Washington say that Vice President Wilson will not attempt to preside over the senate during next winter unless his health is greatly improved. It is probable, however, that he will be at the capital at the opening of Congress for a few days. Senator Carpenter, being president of the senate pro tem, will preside during Mr. Wilson's illness.

Chicago Journal: The salary grabbers are not satisfied with Senator Matt. H. Carpenter's defense. Nearly the entire press of his own State pronounce it weak, sophistical and every way unworthy of the man's reputation for ability. He is now known among the Badgers as the "Miserable Man."

Our friend and fellow-citizen John G. Cowan, has just returned from Kentucky, where he has been attending the sales of the best breeders of thoroughbred short horn cattle in that State; we are informed Mr. Cowan has purchased at private sale at fabulous prices 3 of the finest bred 2 year old heifers he could find. They were bred by Messrs. Kincaid & Meghison, who are recognized as among the best and most successful breeders of thoroughbred short horn cattle in Kentucky. Mr. C. will add the above to his already famous "Forest Herd" and we take pride in stating that both Mr. Cowan and Holt County have now the best and purest bred herd of short horns west of the Mississippi, and we think second to none in the United States. Mr. Cowan will exhibit his herd this fall at all the principal fairs and Expositions in this State and Kansas and we predict that the reputation herein given will be fully sustained and vindicated.

The spirit and enterprise manifested by Mr. Cowan is truly commendable and worthy of emulation, and we heartily wish that in the further prosecution of his enterprise he may be as successful in the future as in the past. Too much cannot be said of the great good he is accomplishing for the stock raisers and farmers of Northwest Missouri and the neighboring States.

We would like to see other branches of stock raising entered into by some of the farmers of Holt County, there are many of them who are abundantly able and well qualified to make a success of horse, sheep or hog raising of the best breeds, and it would not only prove a source of pleasure and profit to themselves but be a great and lasting benefit to the county.

MOUNT CITY PICNIC.
MR. EDITOR: That picnic held at Kunkel's Springs on last Saturday, was a most enjoyable one. Early in the morning men, women and children were seen coming in from every direction. Quite a number of Sunday schools were represented from different parts of the county.

The vast crowd was called to order in due time, and prayer offered by Rev. Mr. Hufferd. Then the forest was made to ring with sweet melodious music by the Mount City and Square Creek Sunday Schools. A short address was then made by Rev. Levi Shelby. The remarks were suited to the occasion, and the crowd then dispersed to partake of one of the richest of dinners.

About 12 o'clock, Prof. J. Baldwin and our County Superintendent made their appearance on the ground. At 2 p. m. the meeting was called to order by Mr. Jackson. Lovely music then followed, and Mr. Eyerly was introduced and addressed the children by presenting an object lesson bearing upon the great object for which we were created. Prof. J. Baldwin was then introduced and for about 20 minutes entertained the audience with close attention and great profit.

We pronounce this picnic a glorious success, and the citizens of Mount City deserve great credit for their interest and labor manifested on this occasion.

The people of upper Holt are manifesting a zeal in the Sunday school cause worthy of our imitation. Success to this good work throughout the land.

G. W. T. A.

FROM JEWELL COUNTY, KANSAS.

MR. EDITOR: As I have promised to let my friends know through the SENTINEL, I thought I would write a few lines. I like Kansas better than I expected. We have had more rain than necessary this season. I have been harvesting for the last week. Wheat and oats is as good as I ever saw it in Holt county. I rented some ground when I came here and have wheat enough to make my bread. I have some corn, ten acres of corn and have a good show for potatoes. The health is good, noague. People are in good heart; they are preparing to live; but the most of them are so poor that they can hardly live. They eat corn bread and drink corn coffee. There is no credit here. Coffee sells at 34 pounds per dollar; calico 124 cts. per yard, flour from three and a half to four and a half dollars per hundred, corn 40 cents per bushel at Jewell City, and scarce at that. I have 320 acres of land. I have taken one quarter under the homestead act, and the other under the timber act. My land that I live on is as level as a floor except a few acres which is broken with a spring branch through it. I bought some timber 24 miles from here. About 30 new settlers have come here this spring. There are some good claims to be had yet. We have preaching here by different denominations.

T. F. HURST.

SALEM, JEWELL COUNTY, KANSAS, July 27th, 1875.

Normal Institute.
The Institute notwithstanding the very warm weather is moving on nicely; teachers are working earnestly with a determination to accomplish all possible in the four weeks.

The number in attendance is good, and several more came in this week. The work of the Institute is the investigation of the underlying principles of education. The mind, its various faculties, how and in what order these faculties are developed, not that we develop one faculty at a time, but that some faculties are relatively more active in youth than others, and some relatively more active later in life. The order in which these are most active and the means of awakening and calling them into activity lies at the foundation of education. The teachers are taking a deep interest in this subject and are making rapid progress.

Next week Maj. Merwin of St. Louis will be with and preach Sunday evening at the M. E. Church. The Major is an able speaker and gets a large audience where he is known.

Prof. Baldwin will deliver a lecture next Wednesday evening, August 20th, at the M. E. Church, on the subject: "Our public school, the relation of the country district school to our graded schools, the relation of the Normal schools and Universities to our district schools, which will not only be interesting but instructive. Citizens are cordially invited to visit the Institute at any time.

FILLMORE ITEMS.
Mr. Ramsey of Hackberry Ridge, who is the proprietor of a steam threshing machine, has been for several days in this neighborhood doing a good business, and giving general satisfaction.

Messrs. Moore & Wheaton of this place have "turned out" one hundred split bottom chairs this season, and have three hundred more on the way. They are putting them up in a neat and substantial manner, and are painting and furnishing them up in good style.

The blacksmiths have had quite a lively time "cutting and setting" wagon tires for the last two weeks, but the fine gentle shower of to-day will swell up, for a time, the old wheels and put a stop to this lucrative business.

Fears were being entertained in regard to the maturing crop of corn, which the rain of to-day will entirely dispel. The crop has doubtless been somewhat shortened by the continuous drenching, but the rain of to-day will make hundreds of bushels, where otherwise, there would have been scarcely none.

T. FILLMORE, MO., August 2nd, 1875.

THOSE "BLOODY" BENDERS.

A Woman's Confession and a New Search for Benders.

Kansas is again excited over the Bender tragedies, the immediate cause of which is the confession of the wife of an accomplice of the Benders. A correspondent of the Kansas City Times furnishes the following particulars:

INDEPENDENCE, Kan., Aug. 1. "Do you remember," said a woman by the name of Mary J. Stanford, whose husband is supposed to belong to the same gang with which the "Benders" are connected, stated on oath, in Col. York's presence, that she and her husband were connected with the Benders, and that there were a large number of bodies of murdered victims undiscovered, and we could imagine that even yet we could detect a disagreeable stench arising from them. Immediately upon the arrival of the party on the ground they at once commenced prospecting for graves, no new ones having been discovered, thus refuting the "reliable information" we received in Cherraville. Their method of prospecting was to dig the location of a grave in the iron road and press it down into the ground, if it penetrates the earth easily it is concluded that the soil has been disturbed and digging is resorted to, to find if a body is beneath or not. After a pretty thorough search in the vicinity of the old graves, resulting in no discoveries, the men went up to the corn field, south of where the house stood, where they found indications of the ground having been disturbed to a considerable depth in the shape of pieces of sub-soil lying on the surface of the ground, but as it was approached at night, and we had some distance to drive, it was concluded to suspend operations for the present, and send out notices at an early day to the neighboring farmers to be on hand with their plows, scrapers, spades, etc., and commence a regular organized search for any bodies that may be buried there, and it is the opinion of all who were out there to-day that the search will not be in vain. Any new disclosures will be immediately reported to your readers.

Ottawa (Kan.) Republican: The time has arrived when even the suspicion of improper conduct on the part of a candidate for office will be fatal to his aspirations. The universal denunciation which has been bestowed by the press of the country upon the participants in the Credit Mobilier swindle, the back-pay steal, and the scandal bribery by which our State legislation has been disgraced, is most encouraging to every patriot, for it is the pulse of the nation, and faithfully notes its heart throbs.

No rain yet.

HOME MANUFACTURES.

(From Coleman's Rural World.)

This is what we want in Missouri. On a recent visit to Springfield, Mo., I am most agreeably surprised to find that the citizens of this pleasantly located inland city, and beautiful surrounding agricultural country, were encouraging home manufactures to so liberal an extent. This is well; it builds up a home market, the best of all markets; keeps our money in the country to circulate among our people, to cultivate trade and improve social conditions; instead of sending it out of the country, impoverishing ourselves, and depriving our children of the advantages of education and social improvement—making equal the rule instead of the exception. Every thinking man; every political economist can see this. The trouble is, that while we have two many politicians, we have a few political economists. Too few men who think soundly, methodically, and to purpose on this subject. Talk to the average man on this subject, and he will begin to tell you, "Oh, yes. This is what we want. But then we have no capital, and we can't manufacture without capital."

Doubtless it would be much better if we had more capital, money, for that is what is meant. It would be easier to begin, and great results might be attained. By sending out all our raw material, paying ruinous rates of freight on it, which all comes out of us. The buying back of the manufactured article, paying for the added skilled labor, the profits of the manufacturer, the commissions and profits of all the intermediate handlers, and then the freight back again to the growing poorer and poorer ourselves, while the middlemen and manufacturers are growing rich out of our labor? Is there any hope for a better state of things, while we continue to pursue such a course as this? Will not those manufacturers be content to stay where they are, and grow richer and richer as long as we will send them the raw material and pay the freight on it? Send them meat and bread and pay the freight out of it? Pay them large interest on their investments in large profits on their business? They ought to be satisfied with this, and content to live among the cold sterile hills of New England in princely style, as doubtless they are. Transportation companies, and all the middlemen are doubtless satisfied with this state of things. They are growing fat and rich; live in fine palaces, drive fast horses, and ride in fine carriages, spend the summers at fashionable watering places, or travel over Europe; educate their children abroad and teach them to look down with disdain upon the laboring classes who really produce all wealth; but enjoy none of it. All this, and much more of the same sort, and much that is worse, is the result of our buying policy.

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THE ST. LOUIS TUNNEL.

The Extent of the Great Work.

The St. Louis Times, in an elaborate description of the great subterranean approach to the bridge, says: The tunnel, leaving the bridge at Third street, passes directly down Washington avenue to seventh street; then, by curve, it will sweep into Eighth a little north of the site of the new custom house; along Eighth street it continues in a straight line until its termination is reached on the south side of Clark avenue, the entire length of the tunnel being 4,100 feet. From there the track is continued in an open cut, passing under a bridge at Spruce street, and curving to the west, where a junction is formed with the various lines entering the city under the management of the Atlantic and Pacific Railroad Company. This route is a complete circle, and in reality could have been chosen, and it also presents less difficulties than any other. The open cut we have referred to brings the track up an easy gradient to the valley of the old Chouteau pond, where the Pacific lines are situated.

The tunnel, or more correctly speaking the two tunnels, for it is a double one, each having a single track, is formed of two brick arches resting upon stone abutments. These arches, although to the eye looking like what are known as segmental arches, that is, portions of a complete circle, are in reality not so. They are elliptical, and not, as is generally supposed, a semi-circle. This form was adopted, as it gives a much more commodious interior, and the arch does not necessitate so high a rise. This is a matter of importance when it is seen how near the surface of the roadway above is the level of the city. We are told that in the elliptical form it is five feet six inches.

CLINTON COUNTY FARMERS.

The Clinton county association of farmers' clubs met in Plattsburg on July 19th, pursuant to adjournment. A. C. Cook, President, in the chair.

The following preamble and resolutions were introduced by Michael Moorhead, and adopted unanimously by acclamation:

Whereas, I. C. Parker, Congressman of the Ninth Congressional District of Missouri, has violated his pledge given to the people on the eve of his election, "that he would give his influence for, and use all the means in his power in favor of economy in making and dispensing the law of the land." Now,

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